

C H A P. LX.

Passed December 22.

An ACT for continuing the act, entitled, An act for enlarging the power of the high court of chancery, and the several supplementary acts to the said act, and for increasing the power of the said court with respect to the personal estates of idiots and lunatics.

Several acts continued.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That an act of assembly, made at a session begun and held at the city of Annapolis on Monday the seventh of November, seventeen hundred and eighty-five, entitled, An act for enlarging the powers of the high court of chancery, and the several supplementary acts to the said act, be and are hereby continued, and shall be and remain in full force until the thirtieth day of October, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Chancellor may direct the sale of personal property, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That for and during the continuance of the said act, the chancellor shall have full power and authority to direct the sale of any personal property belonging to any idiot, lunatic, or person *non compos mentis*, whose person and estate hath been, or shall be, committed to a trustee or trustees, provided it shall appear to the said chancellor to be beneficial to the said idiot, lunatic, or person *non compos mentis*, to convert the personal estate into money, and place the same on interest; and provided that no sale of the said property be valid until the purchase money be paid, or a bond taken for the same in the name of the trustee or trustees, as such, with two good securities, to be approved by the chancellor.

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A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state:

Governor, &c. not to be confined in their choice, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and the council shall not be confined, in their choice of a chief justice, to persons residing within the district for which such chief justice shall be appointed.

Chief justice, &c. not to act as attorneys.

II. And be it enacted, That neither the chief justice of any district, or any of the associate justices, shall, after their appointment and qualification, act as an attorney or solicitor in any court of law or equity in this state during the time that they shall respectively act as such.

Writs to be tested, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That writs issuing out of any of the said county courts shall be tested in the name of the chief justice, and in case of his death, before a new appointment, in the name of the associate justice first named in the commission; and all writs shall be returnable on the days appointed by the said original act, and this supplement.

Clerks to make out two copies of the levy list, &c.

IV. And be it further enacted, That the clerks of the respective county courts shall, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money for every omission or neglect, in the month of November, yearly, during the continuance of the said original act, make out and transcribe two fair copies of the levy list allowed by the justices of the respective levy courts against the said counties, containing the several charges and sums levied and assessed on their respective counties, one copy whereof shall be transmitted to the clerk of the senate, and the other copy thereof to the clerk of the house of delegates, for the information of the general assembly.

Associate justice not to act as a justice of peace, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That no associate justice shall exercise any powers of a justice of the peace under the act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, or of any supplementary act thereto.

VI. And